

BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER

AGENDA REVIEW	10/29/2014
BOARD MEETING	11/12/2014
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	All
DEPARTMENT	Mental Health
SUBJECT	APPROVAL TO ACCEPT AN INVESTMENT IN MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS ACT OF 2013 GRANT AWARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY (CHFFA) AND TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY; APPROVAL OF AN APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS
PROGRAM	Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013
DEADLINES	Grant expires on 4/26/2016
COST & FUNDING	\$40,892,700 Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 grant award
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	Adoption of a resolution approving the acceptance of a Senate Bill (SB) 82 Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 grant award from CHFFA and to enter into a grant agreement with CHFFA; also request approval of an appropriation adjustment and to allocate and fill 19 full-time equivalent items.
SUMMARY/ ISSUES (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; prior accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)	Adoption of the resolution and Board approval of recommended actions will allow the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to accept the CHFFA grant award totaling \$40,892,700, and execute the Agreement for the expansion of crisis support services countywide. The funds may be used to purchase or lease land and buildings; to construct or renovate buildings; to furnish and equip buildings; to purchase vehicles and information technology equipment; to pay for three months of program startup/expansion costs; and to hire new personnel associated with the expansion and implementation of UCCs, Crisis Residential Treatment Programs, and Mobile Crisis Support Teams. This will increase the County's capacity for client assistance and services in crisis intervention, crisis stabilization, crisis residential treatment, and mobile crisis support teams. Increasing access to effective community-based crisis treatment provides an opportunity to reduce costs associated with expensive inpatient and emergency room care, mitigate the costs of unnecessary law enforcement contacts, and better meet the needs of individuals experiencing a mental health crisis in the least restrictive manner possible.
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